GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ANIMAL WELFARE IN LEGAL STUDIES
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India has recommended that animal welfare should be included as a subject in the curriculum for legal studies;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received a memorandum in this regard from the Bar Council of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & CO. AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) On a request received from Smt. Maneka Gandhi, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, the Lega Education Committee of the Bar Council of India at its meeting held on 30.3.2001 recommended to the Council that the compulsory subject of ` Environmental Law` in both the five year and three year Law courses might be substituted by the subjects of `Environmental law including laws for the protection of the wild life and other living creatures including animal welfare`.

(b) to(d) The Bar Council of India in its meetings held on 31.03.2001 and 01.04.2001 acceptedthe above recommendation and amended the relevant rules for the purpose. The function of prescribing the curriculum for Law Courses has been assigned under the Advocates Act.,1961 to the Bar Council of India to do so inconsultation with the Universities. The Bar Council of Indiahas also issued a Circular dated 11.6.2001 to all the Universities imparting legal education and all Law Colleges informing them about its decision and directing them to incorporate the aforesaid new subject in the LL.B Courses.